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Naoto SANO et al.)	Examiner: L. Scott, Jr.
Application No.: 09/163,402)	Group Art Unit: 2828
Filed: September 30, 1998)	
For: GAS LASER DEVICE AND)	
EXPOSURE APPARATUS USING:)	
THE SAME)	April 4, 2003

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Second Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.


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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on May 6, 2002, and prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice dated February 4, 2003, and entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted," a copy of which is attached.